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Formation of a road from Tyagadurgam to Sankarapuram in South Arcot district.

* 1444 *Q.*—SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the work relating to the formation of the road from Tyagadurgam to Sankarapuram in South Arcot district was sanctioned and started;

(*b*) whether the work is still incomplete; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The formation of a road from Tyagadurgam up to Sulankurichi was sanctioned for execution in 1943. The work is nearing completion. The question of sanctioning the remaining portion of the road from Sulankurichi to Sankarapuram will be considered in due course."

Harijan employees under the National Extension Service in Payyanur and Tellicherry blocks in Malabar district.

* 1445 *Q.*—SRI KUNHI MOHAMAD SHAFEE (on behalf of Sri M. Chadayan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of Harijans under the Development Scheme in Payyanur and Tellicherry in Malabar district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No Harijan is employed under the National Extension Service in the Payyanur and Tellicherry blocks in Malabar district. The prime consideration in filling up the posts was to pick out the best men suitable for the job and men who have aptitude for social work. Further, this is not direct recruitment in which communal consideration can be taken into account, consistently with the maintenance of efficiency of administration, as provided in the Constitution. Selection was therefore, made from among the various services."

Representation regarding the service conditions of graduates of Ayurvedic Colleges.

* 1446 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any appeal on 25th July 1953 from Sri K. Madhavan Nambiar, M.L.A., and Sri K. C. Gopalan Unni, M.L.A., against the Memorandum No. 6642/1/52-I, Health, dated 27th February 1952, in regard to the service conditions of graduates of recognized Ayurvedic Colleges; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government received the appeal on 19th February 1954 and orders were passed in letter No. 13677-2-H-5, Health, dated 26th April 1954, that the Government did not see sufficient grounds to comply with the request."